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The total debt of the United States is \$2,036,946,263, and less cash in the treasury makes it \$1,901,000,000.

Every Republican paper in Rock county with but one exception, will support Mr. Keyes for the Senatorship.

All of the ten electors which met at Madison, on Tuesday, to cast the vote of the State for Garfield, have declared for Keyes for United States Senator.

Vermont has increased only 12,000 in population during the past ten years. Emigration to that State is very small and marriages are not so very numerous.

There is a minister in New York named Schneider, who has married 483 couples so far this year. He keeps what is called a matrimonial bucket shop, and advertises to perform marriages at a lower rate than any other minister.

About January 1, the Maine question will be opened again, but the country may rest assured that Governor Davis will be no party to any attempt to count Plaisant out if he is entitled to his seat. All such dishonest schemes are left by the Republicans to the Democratic-Greenback party of that State.

The population of the United States will be almost exactly 50,000,000. In about three weeks the census bureau will be able to give the exact figures. Out of the 31,000 enumeration districts in the United States and Territories, all have reported but seven; and 28,000 of the 31,000 enumerators have been paid. The census was never taken more expeditiously, and certainly never more satisfactorily.

The patent office granted more than 12,000 patents during the last fiscal year, and the revenues to the government, over and above all expenses, were about \$200,000. "So the apple-paree that won't peel, and the arbutus fly-trap, and all the thousand and one short-lived products of Yankee inventive genius that appear in Washington every year have their uses." If they don't pay the inventor and the people, they pay a handsome revenue to Uncle Sam.

General O. O. Howard has been selected by the President to take General Schofield's place at West Point, as commandant. The country will be glad to hear that Schofield must go. He has outraged and misrepresented the popular and correct sentiment in regard to the Whitaker controversy, and has proved himself unfit for the position he held at West Point. Inasmuch as colored cadets are admitted at West Point, they should be protected in their rights, and should be treated with as much kindness as those who are white.

In 1833 a Polish exile named Godesky died very suddenly in New York, having been taken sick at an eating house in that city. He dressed like a beggar, and was exceedingly eccentric. He lived in the garret of an old house on White street, and after his death his trunk was opened, and in it were found over eight hundred thousand dollars in money and bonds. The dead miser had no relatives that could be found, and his wealth of nearly a million, was turned over to the public administrator. An attorney of Chicago has recently returned from Poland with a blind youth of twenty, who claims to be a nephew and the only heir of Godesky.

It will be a relief to the public when certain politicians and certain pretentious newspapers have finally disposed of General Grant. According to some papers, those which are trying to do so much for him—he is in danger of being bankrupt and has not money enough to support himself decently. First they wanted him to become the President of some railway scheme with a salary of \$20,000. Then they tried to get up a pension fund for him. Again they wanted him to represent Illinois in the Senate of the United States. The New York Tribune wanted to make him captain general for life, with a good salary and nothing to do. The last scheme is to make him a United States Senator from Pennsylvania. All these attempts to give him a position for the purpose of providing him with the means to live, must certainly be humiliating to one who has filled such an exalted position in this country.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway company have another important scheme on hand. They now propose to construct an air line from Mason City to Omaha, a distance of about 200 miles. This will give Milwaukee a pretty direct route to Omaha, the distance being 497 miles, while the shortest route from Chicago to Omaha, over the Northwestern road, is 492. There is a great contest going on between the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, and the Chicago and Northwestern roads. They are powerful and enterprising corporations. The trade of the Northwest is becoming immense, and to secure the largest share of this, is the object of each of these great railway lines. By the scheme which the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul have on foot to build from Mason City to Omaha, the company will have nearly a direct line from Omaha to Chicago and Milwaukee, and from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Chicago and Milwaukee, and in this respect will be on an equal footing with the Northwestern. When two such railway companies enter into a contest for business, they spare neither money nor energy to carry their

points. They have done far more than any other agency to develop the Northwest, to build up towns and cities, to increase manufacture, and to advance the price of land.

A TERRIBLE CRIME.

A Vermont Woman Murders Her Little Sister-in-Law.

By Giving Her a Dose of Strychnine in a Cup of Water.

She Holds the Little One During Her Convulsions, Until Death Ensues.

And Then Buries the Body in a Swamp.

The Remarkable History of One of the New York Custom House Officials.

Richard Smith Makes an Explanation Regarding Garfield's Health.

The Ohio Presidential Electors Pay Their Respects to the President-Elect.

Another Story Concerning the Ohio Senatorship.

Other Interesting State and Miscellaneous News.

TERRIBLE CRIME.

A Vermont Woman Murders Her Little Sister-in-Law by Administering Poison.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Lucy Emeline Meecker, the wife of Homer Meecker, a farmer in good standing in this community, has been on trial for murder during the past week, and last evening the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Her victim was a little girl, 11 years of age, Libbie Alice Meecker, a half-sister of the murdered husband. The child had been taken from the poor house and placed in charge of the family. Mrs. Meecker treated the child with terrible cruelty, and finally determined to murder her. She took into her confidence her son, Louis Almon Meecker. They procured a team, and taking little Alice with them, drove through the village of Waterbury to a point in the woods several miles beyond. At a brook-side the boy and girl were procured some water in a mug. Into which she poured part of a bottle of sweetened water, in which had been mixed a quantity of strychnine. He did this at his mother's directions. Mrs. Meecker then held the cup to the child's lips, telling her it was sweetened water. Convulsions seized the girl in a little while, and continued for over an hour, Mrs. Meecker covering her mouth to prevent the screams for "mother" being heard, and both endeavoring to hold her. The body was then buried in the swamp. Remorse seized the boy, and he revealed the whereabouts of the child to the sheriff. He padded guilty. Mrs. Meecker denied her guilt to the last, but the evidence against her was overwhelming.

THE OHIO ELECTORS

The Ohio Electoral College Pay Their Respects to the President-Elect.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 2.—The Republican Presidential electors of Ohio, accompanied by Governor Foster, Lieutenant Governor Hickenlooper, Milton Barnes, Secretary of State Joseph Turney, State Treasurer, and other notables paid a short visit to President-elect Garfield at Mentor today. The parlor car, in which the gentlemen came from Columbus yesterday, was attached to train No. 10, on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad, and at 12:15 o'clock the party arrived at Lawfield, in the rear of General Garfield's residence. Two large double sleighs carried up about half of the company, and the remainder walked. The President-elect and his wife received them in the parlor. Governor Foster introduced the guests to Mrs. Garfield, and after a brief period of hand-shaking, the Hon. M. Churchill, president of the electoral college, presented General C. H. Grosvenor, who made a speech of congratulation. Among other things General Grosvenor said: "The college congratulates you personally on the fact that throughout a campaign decided in the history of the country for matters of personal bitterness, and of investigation and scrutiny, you, as a candidate with the banner of the great party in your hand, have brought it back in triumph."

OHIO SENATORSHIP.

Another Story Concerning the Ohio Senatorship and the Sherman and Foster Functions.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2.—The Foster faction have sprung a new financial story against Sherman and in favor of Foster, with the view, supposedly, of its effect upon the Senatorial contest. The Commercial, which is generally recognized as Foster's organ, and which was most active in giving currency to the Chicago bill story, publishes a statement in effect that after the Maine defeat Foster went to Washington and tried to get Sherman to subscribe to the campaign fund, but that he refused, as did President Hayes afterwards, and that then Foster came home and himself gave \$10,000 at once and \$8,000 afterwards. Whether or not the story is true nobody can tell. But even if it is, it is

undoubtedly anything but favorable to Sherman. The motive is considered. Foster is simply able to give to a cause whose success promised him brilliant prospects, while the reverse is true of Sherman. Foster is very wealthy, while Sherman has, according to the best authority, accumulated little in his long attention to public interests rather than private. The effect of this last attempt to buy Foster's way into public favor will, it is believed, prove as disastrous as the first.

WISCONSIN.

The Contest for the Wisconsin United States Senatorship.

WATKINSON, Dec. 2.—It would appear that the political calendar in Wisconsin never ceases to boil, for the Presidential election is no sooner over than we enlist in an exciting and heated contest for United States Senator. The action of Senator Angus Cameron, in declining to be a candidate for re-election, leaves a vacuum for others to enter as aspirants for the honorable and coveted position. Thus far in the contest, the Republicans are chiefly occupied in canvassing the claims of the Hon. E. W. Keyes, of Madison, and the Hon. Philatus Sawyer, of Oshkosh,—no other names as yet being prominently mentioned in connection with the office. It is a fact not to be controverted, that in this portion of the State at all events, Mr. Keyes is the great favorite for United States Senator. It is not easily erased from the memory of Republicans that the best years of his life have been devoted to the interests and welfare of the Republican party of Wisconsin. Both his time and means have been used to advance Republican principles; and he is justly regarded by friend and foe as a brave and fearless leader, never hesitating or faltering in the path of duty. He possesses the ability and force of character to assume at once the position of a prominent and influential member of the United States Senate. In Mr. Keyes, it is admitted, Wisconsin would have a representative on the floor of the Senate fitting to her standing and intelligence; and no man would look after the interests of his State slumber and closer than he. These things can be said in favor of Mr. Keyes without any disparagement to the other candidates for the position. Mr. Sawyer has been a long and favorably known among the business men of the State, and as a member of Congress, was credited with being one of the most active and influential members of that body. But his age—now about 65—is a serious objection with view of the field it seems, then, that the Republicans of Wisconsin, in consulting their own interests best, and do their State the most credit, by electing the Hon. E. W. Keyes to succeed the Hon. Angus Cameron in the Senate of the United States after the 4th of March, 1881.

EXPLANATION.

Richard Smith Makes an Explanation Regarding Garfield's Health.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 2.—The attention of Mr. Richard Smith, editor of the Gazette, having been called to the publication of an interview in which he is now made to say that General Garfield is in serious condition physically, and that he needs careful nursing, says he made no such statement. What he does say on the subject, in that traveling with General Garfield from Washington, he observed that he was troubled with indigestion, the result of overwork. Mr. Smith and others of General Garfield's friends think he is overtaxed by visitors coming to Mentor, and that he should go somewhere where he could escape this tax. Nobody considers his physical condition as at all serious.

A REMARKABLE WOMAN.

New York, Dec. 2.—A Mrs. Wilson, who has been appointed a Custom House inspector, has a remarkable history. She distinguished her self in 1872 by taking command of a disabled ship, and, after battling with the elements twenty-one days, arrived safely at St. Thomas. Her husband, the captain, was disabled by injuries. She took command and brought the vessel safely through, the men obeying her implicitly. She is a widow with one child. Some friends applied to General Arthur two years ago for a custom house appointment for her, but as there was no vacancy, and the Secretary of the Treasury was unwilling to increase the number of female inspectors, there was nothing left to her but to wait. When the Secretary was last in New York he was informed of Mrs. Wilson's heroism in saving a ship, crew, and cargo, and her pending applications. He said that while under ordinary circumstances the number of inspectors would not be increased, if Collector Merritt sent Mrs. Wilson's name to Washington he would make the appointment. The Collector did so, the appointment was made and Mrs. Wilson is discharging her duties.

STRIKE.

Oconomowoc, Wis., Dec. 2.—Workmen employed on the extension of the Northwestern railway between Madison and Milwaukee struck for higher wages today. Their pay had lately been reduced from 35 to 30 cents per hour for men and team.

SUICIDE.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 2.—Philip Kling is supposed to have committed suicide near his house in the town of Raymond, yesterday. He was found dead in a piece of wood, with a shot-gun recently discharged lying beside him. Domestic infidelity is believed to have led him to the commission of the deed. Several months ago, at the end of a trial for criminal seduction, he married the complainant Loretta Gath, with whom he has since lived unhappily.

Why is an Anchorer like a man with an only countenance? Because he is always for bidding. If your countenance is forbidding by reason of blotches or pimples try Rogers' Blossom.

For sale by A. J. Roberts, and Craft & Sherer.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

For sale Literature from the House of F. & S. Literature from the House of F. & S. Literature from the House of F. & S.

OLD TIMES IN THE COLONIES. By Charles Carleton Beals, author of "Days of '76," "The Story of Liberty," etc. Illustrated New York: Harper & Brothers, Chicago: Jansen, McClurg & Co., 483-485, 487-489, 501-503, 505-507, 509-511, 513-515, 517-519, 521-523, 525-527, 529-531, 533-535, 537-539, 541-543, 545-547, 549-551, 553-555, 557-559, 561-563, 565-567, 569-571, 573-575, 577-579, 581-583, 585-587, 589-591, 593-595, 597-599, 601-603, 605-607, 609-611, 613-615, 617-619, 621-623, 625-627, 629-631, 633-635, 637-639, 641-643, 645-647, 649-651, 653-655, 657-659, 661-663, 665-667, 669-671, 673-675, 677-679, 681-683, 685-687, 689-691, 693-695, 697-699, 701-703, 705-707, 709-711, 713-715, 717-719, 721-723, 725-727, 729-731, 733-735, 737-739, 741-743, 745-747, 749-751, 753-755, 757-759, 761-763, 765-767, 769-771, 773-775, 777-779, 781-783, 785-787, 789-791, 793-795, 797-799, 801-803, 805-807, 809-811, 813-815, 817-819, 821-823, 825-827, 829-831, 833-835, 837-839, 841-843, 845-847, 849-851, 853-855, 857-859, 861-863, 865-867, 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